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FROM THE EDITOR

New Fly Tying Season Starts!

Well, it's that time of year! The first fall 2001 meeting of the *Northern Lights Fly Tyers* is on **Wednesday, September 12th at 7 p.m.** The venue is the same as last year, the party room at **The Water's Edge - 10149 - Saskatchewan Drive.** Seems like it's too soon to start the indoor aspects of our sport again, but there you have it. I hope to see all the old and new faces real soon. The agenda is listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Be prepared to bring along those summer whopper stories.

On that note, I'll have more than a story or two of my own. If you want to hear about "The Fly Fisherman's Paradise" called New Zealand, I can be bribed. As the old hands know, I spent the last year there, mostly as a kept man and part time fisherman. While I didn't get to fish some of the fabled streams (I missed out on the Tongariro and South Island Waimakariri), I did discover a wealth of fine small trout streams on the North Island. I have also brought back some Kiwi fly patterns and tying techniques, which I will share with you as the fall season progresses.

My heartfelt thanks go out to NZ fishing buddies John Pellew and Ye Huang for being great fishing companions. Thanks also go to the members and executive of the Hamilton Anglers Club and especially Shaun Waldron and Derek Burtenshaw for their hospitality. Anyone looking for a guide around Taupo could do a lot worse than to look up Shaun under his trade name "New Zealand Fly Fishing Adventures" (see me for more info.) And if you're ever in Hamilton NZ, be sure to give President Derek of the Hamilton Anglers a call. He's always got the "Welcome" mat out. For those electronically connected, try out their web site at: <http://www.fishnhunt.co.nz/clubscene/fishing/hac/>.

And more web news, to save on postage costs we will be posting newsletters via e-mail to the web enabled. So, if you can handle Word 97 documents via e-mail, please send me your e-mail address. Don't worry about viruses from this source either, as the system I use for posting has the very best anti-virus software available.

I understand, that in my absence the Club has undergone tremendous growth and meetings were well attended. That's great news! My kudos go out to the executive for a job well done, especially to Brian Hepperle and the elves for putting together great programs and to Dave Murray for his assistance with the newsletter in my absence. I hope your computer woes are over Dave.

Tight lines all!

Dave Robinson

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular Meetings and Tying Sessions: *Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.*
Water's Edge - 10149 - Saskatchewan Drive Enter main door and go straight ahead
Equipment and Materials: Bring your own or use the Club loaners
Coffee and cookies served, plus a weekly 50/50 draw

OTHER EVENTS

Trout Unlimited Meetings: Regular meetings resume in October and are normally on the third Monday of the month. I'll post them here as the TU program for the fall develops.

Club Trip: *September 22nd Weekend* *Little Smoky River near Fox Creek*
Come and join the crew in pursuing some Arctic Grayling and Whitefish

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MEMBERSHIP

Only \$20.00

January to December

Benefits Include:

- Regular meetings and tying sessions
- Monthly newsletter
- Club event discounts
- Selected retailer discounts (with card)
- Access to club library
- Fellowship of like-minded fishers
- Tying and fishing "secrets"

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MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 12

Topic: *Little Smoky Preparation and Post Summer BS Session*

Comments: We'll be tying a few flies that should attract the odd Arctic Grayling or Whitefish on the Club's upcoming trip to the Little Smoky. Bring along your summer photos and stories as well for a "get reacquainted" session.

Tyer: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Griffith's Gnat*

Hook: Mustad 94840 Dry, Sizes 14 to 22

Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0

Rib: Grizzly Hackle, Palmered

Body: Peacock Herl

Comments: Very simple but effective pattern

Tyer: *Dennis Southwick*

Pattern: *Chernobyl Ant*

Hook: TMC 5212 - #8 to #12

Thread: Black 6/0

Body: Fly Foam in different colors

Legs: Rubber legs

Wing: Fly Foam as an indicator

Comments: This is an ant pattern on steroids. Dennis swears by this baby. He caught the fish in the photo with it.

SEPTEMBER 19

Tyer: *Brian Hepperle*

Pattern: *San Juan Worm Revisited*

Hook: Mustad 9672, #6 to #14

Thread: Red 6/0

Body: Fluorescent Orange Floss and Red New Dub

Comments: Brian will talk about tying and fishing this variation of a familiar pattern given to him by a buddy of his who swears it's a killer on the Bow. Get ready to learn all about indicator fishing.

SEPTEMBER 26

Speaker: *Dave Robinson*

Topic: *New Zealand Lake Fishing*

Comments: A short intro to some of Dave's experiences over the last year, focusing on fishing Lakes Taupo and Rotorua.

Tyer: *Dave Robinson*

Pattern: *Mrs. Simpson*

Hook: Sproat, Limerick or 3X Long Wet - # 6 to #14

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Black Calf or Squirrel Tail

Body: Red Wool or Floss

Cheeks: Pheasant - Greenish Rump or "Church Window"

Comments: This is one of the New Zealand "Killer" style patterns, intended to imitate a dragonfly larva. It's worth a try in the local environs.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



President Dennis Southwick with a nice Brown caught on Prairie Creek in July

A WORD FROM THE PREZ

Well another summer has come and gone. I hope everyone had great fishing experiences this summer. Dave said my space is limited so at this time I'll be brief.

I would like to thank a group of people for all their help last year. Brian H. and his group: Rocky, Bob, Ron and Gord, Dave Murray and Brian B, Dave Janzen & Lance Taylor for the internet. Also, all the Volunteers to tie through the year. If I left someone out I'm sorry.

On a sad note, we have said good bye to Denny's. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Reg, Ian & Debbie for all their support to the Club over the years. On a happy note Ian & Debbie said they would be out more often now.

As a general note we are in the processes of setting up this year's programs and will be asking you what *you* as members want to see & do.

Hope everyone is getting ready for our grayling weekend, which will be discussed at our first meeting.

That's it for now. Its Great to Be Back. Let's have another great year.

Tight Lines Always

Dennis Southwick

TRIPS?

Any one interested in a group outing for a float trip on the Bow during September, call Brian Hepperle @ 962-4582 or Dave Phelps @ 436-5909.